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THIRD MEETING OF PLENARY - 20 AUGUST

SUMMARY. GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENTS COMMENCED AT THIRD MEETING OF PLENARY WITH STATEMENTS BY UNFPA DIRECTOR SALAS, SWEDEN, URUGUAY, ARGENTINA, IRAN, IRAN, INDIA, CANADA, INDONESIA AND THE PHILIPPINES. SALAS MADE EXCELLENT WIDE-RANGEING STATEMENT DESIGNED SHOW CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS HE AND UNFPA WERE NOT NARROW FAMILY PLANNERS BUT THOUGHTFUL OBJECTIVE STWEARDS IN A SENSITIVE AREA ANXIOUS TO SEE UNFPA'S WORK IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND BE FACTORED INTO THE UN'S AND INTO EACH DEVELOPING COUNTRY'S OVERALL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENTAL PLANS. ALSO SAID UNFPA WOULD NEED AT LEAST \$500 MILLION FOR THE PERIOD 1974-1977 (CIVE THE EARLIER ESTIMATION OF \$300 MILLION) IF IT WERE TO MEET MOST URGENT REQUIREMENTS OF THE LDC'S IT ALREADY WAS RECEIVING. IRAN SAID IT HAD DECIDED "TO INCREASE SUBSTANTIALY HER SHARE TO UNFPA."

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ARGENTINA IN A PRO-NATAL STATEMENT SAID IT URGENTLY DESIRED

AND NEEDED MORE PEOPLE SO THAT IT COULD PROPERLY EXPLOIT ITS AGRICULTURAL AND OTHER RESOURCES AND THUS HELP FEED THE WORLD. MOST COUNTRIES ENJOINED THE CONFERENCE AND ALL COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, TO HEED THE PRONOUNCEMENTS AND THRUST OF THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GA RE THE BLUEPRINT FOR THE NEW ECONOMIC ORDER. THREE (SWEDEN, CANADA, IRAN) OF THE EIGHT GENERAL COUNTRY STATEMENTS WERE READ BY WOMEN HEADS OF DELEGATIONS. MESSAGE FROM SHAH OF IRAN TO WPC WAS READ. END SUMMARY

1. MESSAGE FROM SHAH OF IRAN. SHAH'S MESSAGE REMINDED CONFERENCE THAT POPULATION DECLARATION SIGNED BY HE AND 29 OTHER HEADS OF STATE IN 1967 WAS NOW MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER AND THUS HE URGED ALL WORLD LEADERS TO JOIN WITH HIM IN MEETING THE GREAT CHALLENGE OF Muting THE WORLD'S PRESENT UNCONTROLLED POPULATION GROWTH.

2. SALAS SPEECH. SALAS SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR GOVERNMENTS TO AVAIL THEMSELVES OF THIS HISTORIC OCCASION TO TAKE MEASURES TO SLOW DOWN PRESENT UNPRECEDENTED GROWTH IN POPULATION ESPECIALLY IN THOSE COUNTRIES LEAST ABLE TO AFFORD IT, AND THIS WAS A LEGITIMATE AREA OF INTERNATIONAL CONCERN. HE SAID THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES COULD NOT RELY ON CLASSIC DEVELOPMENTAL MODELS AND RATHER THEY HAD TO FIND NEW WAYS OF SIMULTANEOUSLY ATTACKING SUCH KEY PROBLEM AREAS AS TIMULATING WORLD GROWTH. HE SAID THERE HAD BEEN TOO MUCH EMPHASIS ON URBAN GROWTH BIGNESS AND CONCENTRATION AND THAT MORE ATTENTION HAD TO BE PAID TO STREAMLINING WORLD GROWTH, DISAGGREGATION AND DIFFUSED GROWTH TO ALL AREAS AND FOR ALL PEOPLES. "A SOCIETY OF SUFFICIENCY FOR ALL." HE SAID THERE WERE SOME ENCOURAGING CHANGES IN ATTITUDES IN BOTH THE DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH SHOULD BE ACCELERATED AND DEEPENED. HE LAUDED THE ATTITUDES OF YOUTH AND MANY OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE YOUTH POPULATION CONFERENCE. REMINDED THE CONFERENCE POPULATION DEALT WITH THE MOST DELICATE OF ALL AREAS, LOVE, THE FAMILY AND THE MYSTIQUE THAT SURROUNDS BOTH. YOU MUST NEVER FORGET WE ARE DEALING WITH HUMAN BEINGS AND THAT POPULATION PROGRAMS CAN ONLY BE EFFECTIVE IF THEY ARE PROPERLY INTEGRATED WITH MCH PROGRAMS AND RELATED TO TOTAL DEVELOPMENT EFFORT IN EACH COUNTRY. SAID TO THIS END UNFPA WORKS CLOSELY WITH UNDP AND UN POPULATION DIVISION. TALKED ABOUT POPULATION EXPLOSION IN UNFPA WHICH HAS GROWN FROM \$3 MILLION IN 1969(59 \$175 MILLION AGGREGATE IN 1974 AND 900 PROJECTS IN 90 UNCLASSIFIED

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COUNTRIES AND A STEADILY INCREASING DEMAND WHICH HE ESTIMATED AT \$500 MILLION FOR PERIOD 1974-1977. THIS REPRESENTS A \$200 MILLION INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR THAT PERIOD OVER THE UNFPA ESTIMATIONS OF EARLY 1974. SAID UNFPA'S TRACK RECORD OF PAST FIVE YEARS PROVED THAT DONORS WOULD BE EVEN MORE GENEROUS IN THE FUTURE TO MEET THE GROWING DEMAND AND RETAIN PRESENT POSITIVE MOMENTUM. SAID UNFPA COULD PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE REALIZATION OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE WORLD POPULATION PLAN OF ACTION.

3. SWEDEN REMINDED THE CONFERENCE UN HAD COME A LONG WAY AS EIGHT YEARS AGO ONE COULD NOT EVEN TALK ABOUT FAMILY PLANNING IN MANY UN CIRCLES. SAID GENERALLY SUPPORTED WPPA. CALLED FOR A SENCE OF URGENCY IF WORLD IS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF ITS GROWING INGER-DEPENDENCE. AGREED WITH FINDING OF 6TH SPECIAL SESSION OF GA STRESSING A GREATER SAY FOR LDC'S IN ALL MATTERS AND SAID THIS SHOULD LEAD TO MORE DEMOCRACY IN THE WORLD. "NO GROUP OF NATIONS CAN ANY LONGER DICATE TO OTHERS IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD." STRSSED CONCDRN OVER FOOD, FRESH WATER, ENERGYSUPPLY, SUPPLY, BALANCE OF PAYMENT ADJUSTMENT PROBLEMS AND VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS. SAID TOO MANH GOVERNMENTS DISREGARD THE BAD SIDE-EFFECTS OF THEIR DEVELOPMENT POLICIES. ALL COUNTRIES MUST ATTEMPT TO STRENGTHEN THE UN'S MACHINERY TO MEET THE WORLD'S GROWING NEEDS IN SUCH AREAS AS POPULATION ENVIRONMENT, WATER, HOUSING, ETC. SAID WORLD'S NUMBER ONE PROBLEM IS PROVERTY NOT POPULATION AND THAT CAN ONLY BE SUCCESSFULLY ATTACKED VIA INCOME REDISTRIBTUION, MAJOR SOCIAL CHANGES, AND CHANGES INCONSUMPTION PATTERNS. SAID MUCH OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR WORLD'S PROBLEM LIES WITH DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WHO MUST CURB THEIR CONSUMPTION AND DO MUCH MORE TO ASSIST THE LDC'S. SAID IF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FULLY MET THEIR OBLIGATION TO THE SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE THIS WOULD GENERATE AN ADDITIONAL \$10-12 BILLION DOLLARS OF ASSISTANCE. SAID RECOGNITION OF THESE PROBLEMS WAS EMERGING IN SWEDEN WHICH, INTER ALIA, WOULD MEET ITS POINT SEVEN PERCENT ODA TARGET BY 1975. CLOSED BY SAYING ONLY WITHIN THE UN CAN THE WRLD FIND THE SOLUTION TO POPULATION AND OTHER PROBLEMS NONE OF WHICH COULD BE TREATED IN AN ISOLATED MANNER.

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4. URUGUAY MADE CLASSICAL LATIN SPEECH WITH CENTRAL EMPHASIS ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND NEED TO SOLVE ALL PROBLEMS SIMULTANEOUSLY AND IN A HUMANISTIC MANNER. LAUDED THE FINDINGS OF THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION OF GA AND YOUTH. MADE A PRO-NATAL STATEMENT COUCHED IN TERMS OF CHAMPIONING YOUTH. SAID "A COUNTRY WITHOUT YOUTH CAN DO NOTHING, YOUTH IS THE KEY INGREDIENT TO ALL KINDS OF NATIONAL GREATNESS". AFTER PRO-NATAL STATEMENT TURNED AROUND AND SAID URUGUAY WOULD RECOMMEND EXPANSION OF UNFPA ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELDS OF EDUCATION.

5. ARGENTINA. SAID POPULATION WAS NOT GROWING FAST ENOUGH IN ARGENTINA TO PERMIT COUNTRY TO PROPERLY EXPLOIT ITS RESOURCES. SAID ARGENTINA WAS OPPOSED TO INDISCRIMINATE POPULATION CONTROL AND THAT ARGENTINA NEEDED MORE PEOPLE TO ALLOW IT TO BECOME ONE OF THE WORLDS FOOD GRANARIES. SAID WORLD SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON IMPROVING FOOD CAPACITY VIA RESEARCH AND APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY FOR EACH COUNTRY RATHER THAN TRYING TO LIMIT POPULATION GROWTH. EVEN QUOTED THE DIVINE THAT WE SHOULD GROW AND MULTIPLY. SAID ARGENTINA HAD OPENED ITS DOORS TO MIGRATION TO HELP BOTH ITSELF AND ITS NEIGHBORS. HAD LEGALIZED THE 350,000 ILLEGAL
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IMMIGRANTS IN THE COUNTRY AND WAS EMBARKING ON LAND COLONIZATION PLANS WHICH WOULD BE SUPPLEMENTED BY IMMIGRANTS. LAUDED THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL GOALS SET FOR THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION OF GA AND THE NEED FOR A MORE JUST ECONOMIC ORDER. CALLED FOR POPULATION REDISTRIBUTION, BOTH NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY, AND FOR STRONG PROTECTION RIGHTS FOR ALL IMMIGRANTS, CHILDREN AND THE AGED. FINALLY SAID THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT THE COUNTRIES CLOSELY SUPERVISE THOSE NON-GOVERNMENTAL BODIES WHICH PROMOTED INDISCRIMINATE REDUCTION OF BIRTH.

6. IRAN. THE SHAH'S TWIN SISTER - PRINCESS ASHRAF PAHLAVI READ STRONG SPEECH WHICH CALLED ON CONFERENCE TO APPROVE BY CONSENSUS THE WPPA INCLUDING THE STRONGER AMENDMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO IT FLOWING FROM THE SECOND ASIAN POPULATION CONFERENCE AND THE RECENT ASIAN REGIONAL CONSULTATIVE MEETING. DESCRIBED IRAN'S AMBITIOUS POPULATION PROGRAM AND CALLED FOR CUTTING IN HALF ITS PRESENT POPULATION GROWTH RATE BY 1980. SAID POPULATION GROWTH REDUCTION PROGRAMS WORKED BEST WHEN BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS WERE WORKING IN HARMONY AND THE

ENTIRE COUNTRY WAS INVOLVED BY A GOOD TWO-WAY COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM AND THE CREATION OF YOUTH CORPS TO ASSIST AS HAS BEEN THE CASE IN IRAN IN RECENT YEARS. STRESSED THE NECESSITY FOR IMPROVED STATUS OF WOMEN. DISCUSSED MAJOR STEPS IRAN HAD MADE IN THIS AREA PLUS IN ANOTHER VITAL AREA; NAMELY, LAND REFORM. SAID MUCH MORE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WAS NEEDED IN THE POPULATION FIELD AND THAT IRAN WOULD PLAN FINANCIALLY TO DO MORE IN THIS FIELD VIA UNFPA BUT DID NOT SPECIFY A DOLLAR AMOUNT. ENDED BY QUOTING THE SHAH THAT EVERYONE NEEDED TO WORK TOWARD A NEW ECONOMIC ORDER WITH DILIGENCE.

7. INDIA, WITH 14 PERCENT OF WORLD'S POPULATION SAID WPPA DESERVED SERIOUS CONSIDERATION. INDIA WITH OLDEST GOVERNMENTAL FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM WAS PRESENTLY DOING MUCH RESEARCH AND WAS CONVINCED THAT POPULATION MUST BE INTEGRAL PART OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROGRAM IF IT IS TO SUCCEED. SAID WE MUST GIVE WOMEN A LARGER ROLE AND LINK FAMILY PLANNING MORE TO NUTRITION AND MCH PROGRAMS. SAID BEST CONTRACEPTIVE IS DEVELOPMENT AND THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHO HAD HEAD START BECAUSE THEY HAD GROWN RICH PARTLY AS RESULT OF MILKING THEIR COLONIES, NEEDED TO INCREASE ASSISTANCE, STOP WASTING BILLIONS FIRST ON OVEREATING AND THEN
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DIETING. GREATLY REDUCE THEIR CONSUMPTION WHICH POLLUTES MUCH OF THE WORLD, GIVE UP VULGAR AFFLUENCE AND GET IN STEP WITH THE FINDINGS OF SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION OF GA. SAID GOVERNMENTS ARE INVOLVED IN DIRECT ATTACK ON DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS WHICH PE-OCCUPIES MOST ALL OF THEIR TIME WHICH LEAVES THEM LITTLE TIME CONCENTRATE ON POPULATION MATTERS.

8. CANADA. MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, MRS. JEANNE SAUVE, SPEAKING IN FRENCH DISCUSSED THE GROWING PRESSURES ON THE FINITE WORLD BEGINNING TO OUTSTRIP MAN'S ABILITY TO FIND SOLUTIONS. SAID WPC MUST BE THE BROADEST KIND OF CONFERENCE AS "OUR SUBJECT IS PEOPLE". DESCRIBED POPULATION TRANSITION CANADA HAD UNDERGONE. SAID MUCH OF THE OPEN SPACE AND NATURAL RESOURCES IN CANADA WERE DIFFICULT TO EXPLOIT BECAUSE OF HARSH CLIMATIC FACTORS. DESCRIBED HOW DECISIONS IN OTHER AREAS CANADA WERE ARRIVED AT JOINTLY BY THE FEDERAL AND PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY IN CANADA'S DECISION MAKING MECHANISM. SAID THAT THE WORLD'S CONSUMPTION PATTERNS MUST BE RATIONALIZED SUPPORTED WPPA AS WELL REASONED, BALANCED DOCUMENT THAT CANADA WOULD WORK FOR ITS ADOPTION.

8. INDONESIA. HOPED THAT CONFERENCE WOULD BE A MAJOR WORLD-WIDE STIMULANT. NUMEROUS COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD WERE PRESENTLY IN PRECARIOUS SITUATION. SUCH AREAS AS POPULATION, FOOD COULD LEAD TO A SOCIAL EXPLOSION IF NOT DEALT WITH. SAID INDONESIA FAVORED A UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT APPROACH. SAID ASIA HAD ARRIVED AT A CONSENSUS REGARDING THE WPPA AND HOPED THAT

ASIAN RECOMMENDATIONS FLOWING FROM THE SECOND ASIAN POPULATION CONFERENCE AND THE RECENT CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE DULY REFLECTED IN THE WPPA. DESCRIBED INDONESIAN POPULATION PROBLEMS AS UNBALANCED POPULATION DISTRIBUTION ISLANDS, BETWEEN URBAN AND RURAL AREAS AND A BADLY SKEWED AGE STRUCTURE. LAUDED THE ASSISTANCE INDONESIA HAD RECEIVED FROM IBRD, AID AND OTHERS. SAID INDONESIA WOULD INCREASE ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFPA FOR 1974.

9. LASTLY, PHILIPPINES DEPARTING SOMEWHAT FROM PREPARED TEXT, THE PHILIPPINE DEL CONCENTRATED ON A BRIEF REVIEW OF NATIONAL POPULATION PROGRAMS IN THE PHILIPPINES STRESSING THE RECENTLY STRENGTHENED POWERS OF THE PHILIPPINES NATIONAL POPULATION COMMISSION, RECENT CHANGES IN THE LABOR CODE TO PROVIDE COMPONENT FAMILY PLANNING EDUCATION IN THE AGRO-BUSINESS FIELD. SAID GAINS IN BEGINNING REDUCE POPULATION IN THE PHILIPPINES LAST TWO YEARS WAS PARTLY UNCLASSIFIED

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AS A RESULT OF THE COUNTRY'S IMPROVED ECONOMIC CONDITIONS. SAID NUMBER OF CLINICS HAD GROWN FROM 300 IN 1970 TO 2,000 IN 1974 SERVICING 60,000 ACCEPTORS A MONTH. MENTIONED NEW POPULATION FOUNDATION CENTER SPARKED BY MRS. MARCOS AS A NEW BREAKTHROUGH IN PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR. LAUDED UNFPA. SAID UNFPA HAD USED THE CONSIDERABLE FLEXIBILITY IT HAD BEEN GIVEN VERY WISELY AND THAT THE PHILIPPINES HOPED UNFPA WOULD BE ALLOWED TO RETAIN THIS FLEXIBILITY. BARNES

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